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PADRAIG HARRINGTON

Q. We're joined by Padraig Harrington at the DICK'S Open this year. You're a three time DICK'S Open champion, sat out last year and now you're back here in Endicott. How are you feeling?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I'm under a little bit of pressure. Yeah, yeah, I kind of going through it in my, head why did I win it three times, does the golf course suit me, are there certain shots -- certainly on the course that are -- some holes suit me. Then there's some holes I kind of think, oh, they're pretty tough and not quite sure why this one suits me so much.

Coming back, I missed last year just because of a clash of dates. Delighted to be back. As I said, I'm also under a little bit of pressure and stress to live up to this form of played it three times and won it three times.

Q. And you were talking a little bit about which holes, maybe which is the most challenging would you say out here?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: There's a few, there's quite a few risk-reward. Obviously the toughest hole, 15 probably coming home, that stretch, but probably the toughest -- hitting in the water on 15 off the tee, you get to drop out, so should be able to make a bogey.

The par 3 on the front nine -- got to get this right, 8 -- is the one that if you hit in the water there, it's a double bogey. There's three par 3s with water tight, and the 15th tee shot. On 18 there's a couple -- those five tee shots, if you hit those well you're going to do well on this golf course. They're all the big danger shots.

Q. This is a tight driving course. How many times will you hit driver?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: I'll hit driver quite a lot. It is tight, there's slight doglegs, but it's tree lined. So the penalty if you hit it in the trees, who knows, you can get away with it. I'm not saying you do get away with it, but you can get away with it.

The holes that really scare me are the ones with white stakes on it. We don't have a lot of that here, so that's probably one of the reasons the course has suited me. Obviously there's a few holes with water. It's a tight tee shot off 15 and 18.

Yeah, I like tree-lined golf courses, they're not as intimidating to me as those white-staked golf courses. If they ever want to change the whole aspect I suppose of golf, put white stakes 20 yards left and right of each fairway, I can tell you it would be a completely different



game. Here you've just got tree lines. Some of them you don't want to go into. Like if you hit it left on 11, it's a dogleg left, but if you miss left, you just have no shot to that green out of those trees. Just the way it works.

Other sides, as you get it know a golf course, you kind of figure out, well, one side, yeah, I'm in the trees, but it's opening up towards the green so I'm likely to have a shot. Not always have a shot.

And this is what happens, you kind of -- you often see it in tournaments, you get away with it the first three days or two days as it would be on the Champions Tour, but then on Sunday it catches up with you. Certainly tree-lined golf courses for me are beautiful and not quite as intimidating. I'm probably going to get caught a lot after saying that.

Q. You've had a few days off here in New York. What have you done?

PADRAIG HARRINGTON: Yeah, I've had a few days off. I spent three days up in New York, played a little bit of golf. My son's at college up there, so I was really up to see him and just really enjoyed the city. Went out to a few restaurants and pubs and watched a bit of the World Cup football. Really had a nice couple of days off. A couple more days than I would have wanted because I missed the cut last week, but other than that, it was a very nice few days. Ready to go play golf now.

